



WHO WE ARE

A pioneer in continuing education since 1921, the Graduate School, USDA has offered career-related courses primarily to government employees for job enhancement and personal enrichment. Today, the curriculum contains more than 1,000 courses, and many are taught worldwide and in a variety of formats. Programs and services are flexible and are designed to meet a client's specific needs.

As the global arm of the Graduate School, USDA, the International Institute provides professional development and training services relevant to international audiences. With a multilingual staff and faculty drawn from academia, international organizations, government and the private sector, we partner to design programs that meet the unique needs and objectives of each of our clients.

CAPABILITIES

The International Institute specializes in organizing customized and off-the-shelf training delivered in the U.S. or abroad; professional and academic placements; visitor exchange and observational study programs; and other programs that address issues facing the international community.

By offering the latest in distance learning technology, including Web-and CD-ROM-based instruction, our training programs meet our audiences where they are.

- Cross-Cultural Orientation and Training
- Education Exchange
- Interpretation and Conference Services
- Needs Assessments
- Observational Study Programs
- Program Design and Development
- Program Evaluation
- Project Management



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ABOUT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, USDA

For more than 80 years the Graduate School, USDA has provided expert training and development programs to meet the needs of professionals worldwide. A continuing education institution offering career-related courses to public and private sector individuals, the Graduate School promotes improvements in performance and fosters individual advancement and lifelong learning.

COURSES AND ACADEMIC STATUS

The Graduate School, USDA offers a wide range of programs to serve you. Each year we deliver nearly 1,000 courses: day, evening and weekend classes; residential training programs; correspondence and self-study courses; and technology-enabled instruction. Classes are held in Washington, D.C. and at sites across the country and around the world. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and/or Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEs) are granted for most courses, and certificates of accomplishment are awarded to participants completing programs in selected areas. Although the Graduate School is not a degree-granting institution, some of our courses receive college credit recommendations.

Courses presented by the Graduate School focus on current practices, policies, tools and techniques. Developed to meet your needs, these courses are rigorously reviewed and updated by subject matter experts and experienced curriculum designers. Program managers monitor emerging issues and changes in regulations and review evaluation feedback from students and instructors.

INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE'S MISSION IS TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING.

IN CARRYING OUT OUR MISSION, WE HELP INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH A VARIETY OF TRAINING, EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS.



CUSTOMIZED TRAINING

Through customized training we meet participants' needs while accommodating their time, learning objectives and learning styles to enhance the training experience. We develop training solutions composed of classroom instruction, observational field training, professional placements and international visitor exchanges specific to an organization's training needs. Successful projects include:

ISLAND TRAINING PROGRAM — Created to improve the fiscal accountability in financial management of island government funds, this program provides training and technical assistance. Our partners include: The U.S. Department of the Interior and the governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW — Developed for USAID, this course provides USAID employees with training to enhance their knowledge of and improve their skills in the organization's financial management policy and procedure requirements. This training is delivered at USAID missions in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia and in Washington, D.C.

DAIRY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT — By partnering with the University of Wisconsin's Babcock Center for International Dairy Research, this program was designed to economically advance the dairy industry of the island in preparation for membership with the European Union. This program brought together a team of Greek and Turkish Cypriots to create a sustainable development project benefitting each constituency of the island.

OBSERVATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS — Designed to enhance international participant knowledge and capacity through linkages with experts in their respective fields within the United States, this program facilitates the development of professional networks and international business opportunities. Programs have included:

Agribusiness Development	Capital Markets and Trade	Natural Resource Management
Regulatory Reform	Rule of Law	U.S. Food Safety Systems

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES

The International Institute administers exchange programs for government agencies, foreign governments, international organizations and individuals. Programs offer professionals opportunities to share best practices with their colleagues internationally. The exchanges include participation in and observation of the social, economic, political, cultural and geographic differences existing in the United States.



FULBRIGHT TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR EXCHANGE — On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, the International Institute coordinates the recruitment and exchange of more than 200 teachers annually, matching them with foreign counterparts from more than 30 countries.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER — Located at the Library of Congress, the center brings leaders from Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Lithuania to the United States to meet their American counterparts and learn firsthand how American civil society works. In communities throughout the United States, the International Institute arranges learning programs for the participants in the areas of economic development, education reform, environment, federalism, health, rule of law, women as leaders and youth issues.



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INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM — Administered for the U.S. Department of State, this program brings current and future leaders to the United States from all over the world to meet and confer with their professional counterparts in the areas of public administration, politics, the media, education and other fields to share best practices and approaches to solving problems common around the globe.



CURRICULUM AREAS

The International Institute offers courses and programs in the following areas:

Business Administration and Marketing	Human Resources Management
Export Development	International Finance
Environmental Management	Information Technology
Foreign Languages, including Business English and English as a Second Language	Leadership and Management
Financial Management, Accounting and Auditing	Project Management and Analysis

RESOURCES

The International Institute draws upon the expertise of the professional faculty of the Graduate School, USDA. With the Graduate School's extensive and flexible resources the International Institute provides services worldwide. Through longstanding partnerships with international organizations, government agencies and degree-granting institutions such as Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland University College, we ensure that our programs are relevant and responsive to our clients' needs.

LOCATIONS

Many of our programs are offered at our Washington, D.C. headquarters and training center. Additional programs are offered in cities throughout the U.S. and abroad.

PARTIAL CLIENT LIST

Academy for Educational Development	U.S. Agency for International Development
AGOA Training Center Africa	U.S. Department of Defense
America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST)	U.S. Department of the Interior
Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council	U.S. Department of State
Centers for Disease Control	U.S. Library of Congress
Institute for International Education	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
International Telecommunications Union	United Nations Office of Project Services
	World Bank

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